



WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 30, 1902.

THAT THE republican leaders regard this as a paternal government is becoming more and more evident, and that those who have helped those leaders must be taken care of at public expense is one of their cardinal principles. General Bragg, consul general at Havana, recently wrote a fool letter, which showed him to be totally unfitted for the position, but Senator Spooner, it is stated, has appealed to President Roosevelt to deal as gently as possible with General Bragg, who was appointed consul general at Havana at Senator Spooner's request, because General Bragg needed the salary. It is expected, therefore, that President Roosevelt will try to find some other place for General Bragg. The Cuban government, which does not want to offend this government, meanwhile, shows no disposition to press the matter disagreeably. It could have dismissed Consul General Bragg summarily by revoking his exequatur, or it could have requested the State department to withdraw him immediately. Any other government but the Cuban would have adopted one or the other of these courses.

THERE SEEMS to be a disposition on the part of many to distort and misconstrue the speeches recently made by Mr. Bryan in the New England towns, and even to put words into his mouth which he did not utter. All sorts of dispatches were sent out from New England concerning what Mr. Bryan said on the silver question, but these falsehoods have been put to rest by Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, who returned to Washington on Monday from his speaking tour of New England, and who denies that Mr. Bryan put the slogan of 1896 to the fore during his speechmaking in those States. "I heard every speech he delivered," said the Senator, "and in none did he discuss free silver or 16 to 1. His remarks in Maine followed closely along the line of his Boston deliverance. He dealt with the trusts and the Philippines and the Fowler currency bill. All this talk of his having thrashed over the issues of 1896 is not founded on fact."

THE RECENTLY developed desire of the United States to acquire additional territory has inspired some of the private citizens of this country with the same greed, and now it is reported that some Americans are on their way to Marcus Island to take forcible possession. The island is thousands of miles away in the Pacific, and is claimed by Japan, which government has notified the State Department that a Japanese warship has been ordered to Marcus to prevent the Americans from carrying out their designs. This government has directed the Americans in the expedition not to resist the Japanese, but the letter may reach Marcus too late to prevent trouble. At any rate it is hoped that this country will not be drawn into a conflict with Japan, for this would be infinitely worse than the war in the Philippines.

THE almost weekly announcements in the northern newspapers that Mr. Bryan will not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1904 are becoming monotonous and entirely unnecessary. Various reasons are given, but all are old and threadbare. Mr. Bryan announced months ago that he would not be a candidate and that statement should have settled the matter for good and all. Nor is there the slightest probability of Mr. Cleveland ever again being either nominated or elected President by any party, so the talk about the chances of these two gentlemen might as well cease.

It is reported that the American Medical Commission, which is at Vera Cruz, Mex., studying yellow fever, is of the opinion that it has discovered the cause of the disease. Well, that the commission has found the cause of yellow fever is devoutly to be hoped, but that it will find a cure for the malady is hardly to be expected in the near future. A quick cure for a simple cold in the head has not yet been found, but science is great even if many people must suffer at the hands of scientists.

Everybody's Magazine for August has been received from its publishers. Its contents are Blade and Sheaf, The Sheep Dog Trials at Troutbeck, War and the Woman, "Save in His Own Country," The Honourable Betty, A Summer-Time Stove, Love, Law, and the Line, Tangled Up in Beulah Land, The Day's Work of a New England Farmer, A Deal in Wheat, Science vs. Christianity, Danny, The Tenth Wave, Little Stories of People and Things, The Struggle of the Outliers, How to Make Money, Customs and Costumes of the French Watering Places.

The fast mail express east on the Pennsylvania Railroad, going at a high rate of speed, plunged over the famous Pack Saddle, twenty miles west of Johnstown, Pa., going down the great embankment two hundred feet into the Conemaugh river. The engine and two mail cars are in the river a mass of wreckage. The engineer and fireman and two mail clerks were killed.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
Washington, D. C., July 30.
According to recent utterances in the Spanish-Philippine press of Manila, it appears that the Filipinos do not take kindly to the strict quarantine against cholera that has been put into effect by the Board of Health. They complain that undue stringency has been employed, that discrimination is made in favor of Americans and that in some instances native families under quarantine have actually suffered from hunger under what seemed to be unnecessary circumstances. Officials of the War Department admit that the exigencies of the case have compelled the severest kind of measures. They are satisfied, however, that the Board of Health has endeavored to mitigate the suffering as much as possible.

Judge Griggs, chairman of the national democratic committee, accompanied by Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, left last night for New York to attend the meeting of the democratic finance committee at the Hoffman House.

The members of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' Local Union who have been employed on repair work at the White House, have quit work, in order to enforce the rules of the union. The cause of the "walk out," it is stated, is the refusal of the New York firm having the contract for electrical work at the White House to accept the local terms of the Electrical Workers' Union.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw privately estimates that the receipts from internal revenue and customs for the present fiscal year will show a deficit \$90,000,000. One month from today Rear Admiral Francis J. Higginson, commanding the powerful North Atlantic squadron, will make an attack on the eastern defenses of New York harbor with a view to ascertaining if it would be possible to pass the forts without serious injury to his vessels. Officers of the army and navy regard the coming joint manoeuvres as being of the greatest importance.

Minister Wu visited the acting Secretary of State, Dr. Hill, this morning and had a long conversation. Although both parties to the conference decline to give any part of the discussion reference was made to the dispatches from Shanghai to the effect that Great Britain and the United States had abandoned their efforts to accept payment of the indemnity on a silver basis.

The State department has been informed that the Cuban cabinet has authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to receive bids for the arsenal grounds in Havana harbor once selected by Admiral Bradford as the site of a naval station for this country.

August Casimir Walif, recently appointed to the United States consulate at Warsaw, Russia, has sent his resignation to the State Department. The reason given is ill health.

The Provident Life and Trust Co., of Philadelphia, today, for the consideration of \$116,000, secured the property of the Y. M. C. A., in this city, which was formerly owned by the Columbia Athletic Club.

Military Cadet Alexander G. Pendleton who was appointed from Arizona, will probably be dismissed from the Academy at West Point in a day or two. He was accused and found guilty of hazing a fourth class man. Acting Secretary of War Sanger today forwarded his reasons in the case to the President.

"WORLD'S GREATEST TRUST."—In its issue of this morning the London Daily Mail declares there is no longer any doubt that the three monster oil interests of Rockefeller, Rothschild and Nobel have entered into a working agreement. "Thus," says the paper, "without any publicity the greatest trust the world has ever seen has sprung into being." The combination, continues the paper, has been hinted at in messages from Batoum and Moscow, and it has been more clearly shown in the reports made to Russian oil exporters by representatives of the Nobel and Rothschild interests for the absorption of the whole of their output. The exporters have been bidden to sell through the agencies of these interests at a price arranged by them, or to fight the combined forces of the three oil giants. This offer was made openly and with the idea of maintaining prices, and it has been refused, the Russian exporters preferring to fight. It was doubtless this combine, continues the Daily Mail, which induced the Russian Government to issue invitations to an anti-trust conference. The spokesmen of the great combines declare it means a fight to the death, and that the independent exporters cannot hope to win.

DIED FROM HIS WOUNDS.—Charles McCullom, a middle-aged man, died last night in the Miners' Hospital at McKendree, several miles east of Huntington, W. Va. His death is the result of wounds made by seven bullets fired from a pistol in the hands of 14-year-old Jesse Hoskins. For some time McCullom had been paying his attentions to Jesse's mother, and it is alleged, the boy discovered that improper relations existed between them. Burning with hatred for the man who had destroyed the sanctity of his home, Jesse determined to kill him. His opportunity soon came. Last Friday Jesse's father left the house to be gone several hours. Soon after McCullom entered it. Jesse saw him. Slipping into a side room, he procured a revolver and loaded it. An instant later he threw open the door of an adjacent room, caught sight of his mother and opened fire. One bullet entered McCullom's side, another penetrated his abdomen. McCullom struggled to his feet, but as he did so the boy fired the remaining shots, every one of which took effect. On the witness stand the boy talked as if pleased with his work. He was sentenced to the Reform School.

VISITED THE PRESIDENT.—Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 30.—Senator Thomas C. Platt and Col. George W. Dunn arrived here aboard the yacht Sylph shortly after noon today for a visit to President Roosevelt. They were met at the J. West Roosevelt landing by a conveyance from Sagamore Hill and were immediately driven to President Roosevelt's home. They were received cordially by the President, and took luncheon with him. It was stated before their arrival that no statement regarding the matters being discussed by them this afternoon would be made public from Sagamore Hill.

Loudenslager received the republican nomination for Congress at Camden, N. J., today.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Jamaicans are renewing the agitation for annexation to the United States.

There is said to be no present indication that the coronation of King Edward will be again postponed.

A United States judge in St. Louis holds a saloonkeeper is responsible for the death of an inebriated patron following an accident.

A dispatch says that a tornado visited the Gulf of California last Thursday night, wrecking and damaging many buildings in the coast cities.

The gunboat Machias has arrived at Cape Haitien. Commander McCrea would not allow the town to be bombarded without due notice.

A tremendous ovation was given General Delaney and Botha at Stellenbosch yesterday, student drawing their carriages and acting as waiters.

Mrs. George Conner, wife of a farmer of Cecil county, Md., was killed at her home by being run over by three horses with a moving machine yesterday.

The ordinance experts of the army claim to have produced an explosive shell which will penetrate the armor of the most heavily protected warships.

It is expected a ministerial majority will be elected to the next Danish Landthing, which will mean the sale of the West Indian Isles to the United States.

The agitation in connection with the circular issued by Premier Combes of France, with regard to the closing of the unauthorized congregationist schools has considerably abated.

According to dispatches from Chicago, the American Cigar Company has absorbed its chief rival, the United Cigar Manufacturing Company, the consideration being \$10,000,000.

Efforts made by the United States to bring about a settlement of differences between Brazil and Bolivia over the disputed territory of Acre have not met with success, and the situation is more serious than ever.

Mrs. Susie A. Gardner, 62 years old, of Baltimore, died suddenly of an attack of heart disease last evening at the home of Mr. Coleon White, where she fled following an attack upon her by Mrs. Laura Melldrum, a half-sister, living with her, who is said to be demented.

Alondra Seba was stolen to death at Santa Fe, yesterday. Luis Romero had returned home unexpectedly and found Seba with his wife. After stoning Seba to death, Romero and his relatives dragged the body 300 yards through wire fences and over stones to the murdered man's home. Then Romero surrendered.

A special from Tucson, Ariz., says: "Driven to desperation by hunger and thirst, a band of 30 Indians, nearly half of them women and children, attacked the Carmon Ranch, near Hermosilla Saturday and a fierce fight followed. When a patrol of Mexican troops came to the rescue two of the women and five of the men lay dead."

A dispatch to the London Times from Shanghai says that the bankers' commission has received information that Great Britain and the United States have abandoned their attempt to induce the other powers to consent temporarily or permanently to accept the payment of the Boxer indemnity on a silver instead of a gold basis.

The flood situation in central and western Texas is worse. Another twenty-four hours of rain, covering the greater part of the territory, has put the Brazos and Colorado rivers out of banks in many places and destruction of the cotton crop in the bottoms seems certain. The railroads suffered severely from the terrific rains of Monday night.

The steamer Condor, which arrived at New Orleans yesterday from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, brought news that the British government has finally and officially withdrawn all claim to any sovereignty over the bay islands of Utilia, Ruatan, Bonaca, or Guanaja, Elena, and Barbaret, and formally acknowledged that they belong to the republic of Honduras.

There is little hope among those best informed that the strike in the Pennsylvania coal fields will continue much longer without bloodshed. The prevailing opinion is that there will be a fatal collision somewhere between the guards and strikers that will result in the calling out of the militia and that mining, if resumed at all, will be resumed under National Guard bayonets.

Louis Oschenbach, of Dorset, Pa., on the Lizard creek branch of the Lehigh Valley railroad, was killed by lightning yesterday evening. He was a railway repair man, and with four other repair men sat on a bench in the West Penn station while the storm was raging. Oschenbach was the middle man. His shoes were torn from his feet and his body was turned black by the bolt of lightning. Oschenbach was 32 years of age and married. His companions escaped injury.

The State Department has been informed by United States Minister Squiers at Havana that the lower house of the Cuban Congress has adopted a resolution practically repudiating the settlement made by the United States with the Catholic Church concerning church property in the island. The resolution declares that this arrangement need not be considered as binding upon the government of the Cuban republic. This action has the effect of reopening the church question. The upper house must, however, adopt the resolution before its terms can become effective.

TRIED TO KILL THE PATIENTS.—Jim Burke, a white man, was taken to Beaumont, Texas, Monday night from Port Arthur and landed in jail charged with assault to murder. Burke had been on a protracted drunk for some time. On Monday night he went into a private hospital at Port Arthur and announced that he was going to put the patients out of their pain, and then pulled a revolver, and leveling it at one of the patients, fired. The ball struck the man on the chin and shattered the bone. Again he raised the gun and fired at another patient who had raised his hand as a shield. The ball passed through the nape of the man's neck, and Burke fired several more shots, which went wild, and then the room was vacant. He finally came down the stairs with a broad grin on his face and the smoking gun in his hand. In the meantime a large crowd had congregated about the building, and when he came down there were a dozen guns leveled at him and he surrendered.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. Thos. W. Williamson, a well-known educator, died in Lexington, yesterday.

It is thought that Miss Louisa G. Nash, who disappeared from Washington on June 2, is near Staunton.

Dr. George L. Ames, a prominent physician of Accomac, died Monday night at his home, after a short illness.

The grand jury of Richmond is making a searching investigation in regard to the alleged bribery of City Councilmen.

Patrick H. Lawler, the Norfolk man who disappeared while on the Washington police force, has been heard from in Capetown, South Africa.

Efforts are being made by Petersburg ladies to secure a memorial window in old Blandford church in honor of Virginia's Confederate dead.

Mosby's men met today at Leesburg to exchange reminiscences, renew old acquaintances, transact business, and have a good time. Col. Mosby was present.

After completing exactly one hundred years, Mrs. Mahala Smith, widow of Joseph Smith, died yesterday at Pleasantdale, near Winchester. She was a Miss Bloxall, of Loudoun county.

The grand jury of the Corporation Court of Newport News, yesterday indicted Fred Moore on the charge of larceny, obtaining \$1,400 on notes under false pretences, being the specific charge.

The betrayal case, at Heathsville, which two months ago created such a sensation, and which involved Miss Lullie Vanlandingham and Mr. W. J. Moxing, was peacefully settled on Friday, when the couple were married.

Rev. Dr. James K. Hazen, secretary of the committee of publication of the Southern Presbyterian Church, is in a critical condition at his home at Bon Air near Richmond. There is now said to be but slight hope for his recovery.

Thirty striking carpenters have left Norfolk for Washington, Baltimore and Brooklyn. The officers of the union declare that they intend to persuade all of the idle carpenters to leave and to stay away until the trouble in Norfolk is settled.

The contest between Wallace and Lamb for Congress is growing warmer each day. The campaign will open up in earnest in Richmond in the next few days. Thursday night a Lamb club will be organized in Manchester with a large membership.

No light has been thrown on the mystery of the death of J. Hudson Eager, the Norfolk man, whose body was found cast up by the water above Buckroe Beach. The remains, now interred in the Potter's Field, were too badly decomposed to permit an intelligent autopsy. He was a native of Hamilton, Ontario, where his father is postmaster.

J. W. Collins was fined \$100 and sentenced to two months in jail for operating a wheel of fortune in Newport News. Collins had just served a twelve months' sentence for assault. After his sentence, when his wheel was destroyed, it was discovered that a hidden spring in the table enabled him to stop the indicators at any point in the circle he chose.

Andrew Carnegie has declined the proposition submitted to him by the special committee representing the art societies of Richmond to give the \$110,000 he proposed to donate to a public library towards a fund for the erection of a great building to be the home of the fine arts in Richmond, which building, it was proposed, should include a library.

Four convicts, employed in the Enterprise Coopers Works, adjoining the State farm, succeeded in overpowering the guard and made a dash for freedom Monday. Another convict walked leisurely away from the State farm on the same day. None of the five have been recaptured up to the present time, as far as is known at the office of the penitentiary.

William Barmer, a young white man, was yesterday crushed to death at the Nansemond river docks, at Suffolk. Barmer, who is engaged with the Suffolk branch of the Richmond Cedar Works, was unloading a car of logs, when those on an adjoining car became loosened. Barmer, who was standing in the way, was knocked to the ground and two large logs rolled upon him before help could prevent. He died a half hour later.

Late yesterday afternoon Benjamin White, twenty-three years of age, and an employee of the Krekley Flour Mills, in Winchester, received serious, perhaps fatal injuries by being caught in the belting of the machinery. He was drawn to the ceiling, and an instant later would have been whirled to death, but the belt broke and he fell to the floor. His arm was so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate it at the shoulder. His condition is critical.

It is understood that the plans for repairing the Capitol building in Richmond are about completed, and that the specifications are now being prepared. The committee will probably meet in about two weeks and receive both. It is not expected, however, that any movement looking to the commencement of the work will be taken until after the long session of the Legislature next winter. A joint resolution has been adopted by the General Assembly deferring the actual work of repairs until the time indicated above.

As the result of a shooting affray in Roanoke yesterday morning, Arthur Boone received a wound in the back and Tom Mullen, his assailant, is locked up in jail. Boone had been out of town for some time, and when he returned to his home yesterday morning he was met at the door by Mullen, who informed him, Boone says, that he had taken possession of his wife and home. Boone ordered Mullen to leave, and a quarrel followed. Mullen drew a pistol and began shooting at Boone, who ran out of the yard. Only one of the five shots took effect, and that did not inflict a dangerous wound.

John Morrison reported to the Roanoke authorities that he had been drugged and robbed of \$220, some jewelry and a railroad pass Monday night. Morrison's home is at Martinsville, Va. He had been employed as a carpenter by a coal company at Mayberry, W. Va., and said he fell in with some men Monday evening when he arrived who offered to show him the town by electric light, and that when he awoke yesterday morning he was in a dazed condition and all his money and valuables were gone. The police have no clue to the robbery, but succeeded in finding \$50 which Morrison had left with a friend before starting on his lark.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FUNERAL OF THE CHIEF RABBI.

New York, July 30.—The funeral of Chief Rabbi Joseph, of the orthodox Jewish Church, occurred today. Business on the lower east side was practically suspended from nine o'clock to noon while the funeral procession was passing through that quarter of the city. Fully 50,000 orthodox Jews took part in the ceremony. Several hundred carriages filled with rabbis, relatives, and friends of the dead teacher followed the hearse to the grave. Continual lamentation could be heard as the funeral procession passed through the crowded streets of the East Side. A stop of five minutes was made at each synagogue and prayers were recited. Interment was at Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn. There services were held in the presence of an immense gathering of Hebrews. Sixty-two rabbis delivered funeral addresses. Rabbi Joseph was called Chief Rabbi to the orthodox Hebrews. He was also the rabbi of the Congregation of Beth Hamedrash Hagadol. One of his duties was to superintend the killing of cattle in accordance with the kosher laws, and he had supervision of several hundred rabbis, who were responsible for the purity of food supplies. He enjoyed a large income from these services but died absolutely penniless, as he gave all he had to the poor. During the progress of the funeral some employees of the R. Hoe printing press company concern their missiles at the cortege and half a dozen people were injured.

ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY

Chicago, July 30.—Falling on his knees before the body of the woman who was found dead Sunday night in the wine room of O'Hara's saloon, James Stewart, a contractor, last night declared she was his wife. The identification adds more mystery to the manner of her death, the husband declaring that four hours before the body was found he had become separated from his wife as they were hastening to the depot, a short distance from the saloon. A railroad ticket, \$5 in money, and two gold rings, known to have been worn by the woman, are missing. A hurried crossing at a street corner to avoid a cable train caused the couple to become separated, but after a fruitless search the husband became convinced that his wife had taken another train to their home.

DEVER'S BIG OUTING.

New York, July 30.—Ten thousand people, 500 pounds of candy, 500 heads of cabbage, 30 barrels of potatoes, 2,000 pounds of meat, clam chowder enough for all hands and an abundance of fireworks were loaded on two steamers and twice as many barges this morning for the first outing of the "William S. Devery Association." "Big Chief Bill" was along to superintend the affair. The fleet was bound for Raritan bay grove, N. J., where the picnic was held. The excursion was planned for the poor of the district. There were vaudeville performers and an orchestra on each boat, and plenty to eat and lots of "soft stuff." A band of 23 life savers was also on hand. Upon arriving at Raritan an opera performance was to be given free to all. No men, except a committee to care for the women and children, were allowed on the boats.

DENIES THE REPORT.

New York, July 30.—The Standard Oil Company today made emphatic denial of the story printed in today's London Daily Mail, to the effect that the three monster oil interests of Rockefeller, Rothschild and Nobel have entered into a working agreement for the purpose of controlling the world's oil supply. The story was characterized as an invention with a view to hurting the Standard Oil Company. The Standard Oil Company this morning authorized the following statement: "There is not a word of truth in the report, and no negotiations to that end have been made. The putting out of such a statement is probably for the purpose of injuring the Standard Oil Company."

HUNTING THE MURDERER.

Washington, July 30.—A man hunt participated in by 300 infuriated Virginians led by bloodhounds is in progress within 30 miles of the nation's Capital with every prospect that it will terminate in a lynching, probably by burning at the stake. The object of the search is Charles Craven, a negro ex-convict charged with the brutal murder of Wm. H. Wilson, an ex-confederate soldier, at his home in Loudoun County, Va. The mob has been on his trail for two days, and the negro is now said to be surrounded in the swamp and marsh lands between here and Herndon, Va., with little or no chance of escape.

ADMITS HE USED COMPANY'S FUNDS.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 30.—Charles A. Perkins, cashier of the District Office of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Association in this city, has made a statement admitting that he speculated with the company's money. The shortage is not less than \$80,000, and may go above that sum. Perkins said he began to take the company's funds for personal investments many years ago, and has turned over to the company securities of an estimated value of \$120,000, mostly mines, rubber and olive properties. Prosecution is not likely.

DISAPPEARANCE OF CAPTAIN STRONG.

London, July 30.—The whereabouts of Captain Putnam Bradley Strong, the recalcitrant lover of May Yobe, the actress, are not known. A private detective agency which, according to report, was following up Strong, denies that anything is known about the captain. Detectives at Scotland Yard refuse to say whether they are still keeping on a track of Strong or not. Report has it that Strong was stopping at the Carlton Hotel, but the hotel people continue to maintain that he is not there.

CONTROLLED BY LABOR UNIONS.

Petersburg, Ind., July 30.—The farmers throughout southern Indiana have declared their intention to put their farms in grass and engage solely in stock raising. They assert that labor unions have made the raising of large crops unprofitable owing to the fact that so many farm laborers are members of the union. Local unions of farm laborers fix the wages for farm work and the farmers were compelled to pay the price demand in order to save their crops.

The Market.

Georgetown, July 30.—Wheat 68 3/4.

PREPARING FOR MASS MEETINGS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 30.—President Mitchell said this morning that the first series of proposed mass meetings will take place at Scranton on Friday and next week they will be held in the most prominent towns of the Schuylkill region. From there he will go to the Hazelton region, finishing up the itinerary in the Wyoming Valley. Mr. Mitchell when asked if there was anything new to give out, today, said: "Absolutely nothing." It is a waiting game on both sides, but from assurances received from every section involved in the strike, the greatest in the history of the world, I feel more confident than ever that the victory will be ours."

KILLED BY A TROLLEY CAR.

Passaic, N. J., July 30.—Richard Carner, a prominent resident of Newark, died here this morning, as the result of injuries received an hour before on the trolley line. He started for Newark shortly before midnight. In descending the hotel steps Carner missed his footing and fell on the trolley tracks which pass in front of the house. A trolley car struck him before he could regain his feet, the front wheels passing over both his legs. He was taken to the hospital, but never regained consciousness.

THE KING'S CONDITION.

London, July 30.—The reports concerning the King's condition continue to be favorable, though the attending Abbey ticks continue to arouse floods of apprehensive writing. A hopeful sign is the fact that the daily telegrams to the Kaiser and the King of Denmark and other relatives of his majesty have been discontinued.

STRUCK A BOMB WAGON.

Binghamton, N. Y., July 30.—Erie train No. 2 struck a bomb wagon carrying the Illinois ball team this afternoon. It is reported many were hurt.

FOREIGN NEWS.

In a fire on the Porro estate at San Pietro, near Rome, today, four persons were killed and several were injured. The steamers Prince Alexander and Banihgunna collided off Malacca, Malay Peninsula, today. The former was sunk and forty persons were drowned.

In recognition of the courtesies extended to Prince Henry of Prussia, during his recent visit to the United States, Wilhelm has decorated a number of Americans who helped to make the Prince's visit pleasant.

The conference of colonial premiers was renewed at London today. The matters up for discussion were triennial sessions for the conference, a uniform navigation system and the purchase of ocean cables.

A dispatch today states that Comandant L'Anglais, of the French Congo native militia, has been assassinated and that the life of Governor Grodet, who is remaining at Louakala to deal with the natives, is in danger.

The Canadian minister has issued a statement denying the reports that a decision has been reached regarding a fast Atlantic service in opposition to the Morgan shipping trust. He says the various proposals are still being considered.

Vatican circles say that Archbishop Ireland is now being consulted apropos to the appointment of a new archbishop of Chicago, to succeed the late Archbishop Feehan. Whoever Ireland recommends, it is stated, will get the place.

It is reported that the Irish national lists will try to exploit the Boer leaders when the latter arrive in England by inviting them to Ireland. The nationalists are reported to be organizing a great reception for the Boers, but it is believed the latter will refuse to accept the invitation.

The Paris Patrie today says that President Loubet has refused to sign the decrees aimed against the congregations under a decision of the council of ministers in the matter. Loubet, the paper adds, is affected by popular sentiment and is determined to show all possible toleration in the treatment of the congregations.

A great fire has broken out in the town of Lourdes, France. A strong wind is blowing, and the engines are powerless to check the headway of the flames. Several persons have been killed and many injured. Lourdes was fortified by Julius Caesar and has extensive Roman remains and marble quarries. It is a noted place for pilgrimages.

FIGHT WITH A WILDCAT.

There were lively times in Stratford, Conn., where Terry McGovern is training, Sunday morning before the sleepy old town had awakened. John L. Sullivan, the erstwhile champion pugilist of America, and a wildcat owned by F. R. Swift were the principals, while Terry McGovern, Joe Humphries and Captain John Bond, the proprietor of the hotel, took a hand in making peace between John L. and the wildcat. At about 4 o'clock Sunday morning Sullivan, in walking on the porch of the hotel, kicked against a cage that held the wildcat. The angry feline spit and snarled. John L. took up the challenge and threw over the cage. He kicked and shook the cage until finally its door was forced open and the angry cat sprang out like a flash and fastened its teeth in the surprised Sullivan's leg. Down on the porch the cat and the pugilist rolled, Sullivan bellowing for help and fighting as he never fought before to keep the cat from getting to his throat.

Terry McGovern, Joe Humphries and Captain Bond were awakened by the commotion. Terry rushed out in a pair of trousers and barefooted, and Humphries and Bond followed. Terry grabbed a stick and rushed to Sullivan's assistance. Watching for a chance, Terry dealt the cat a blow over the head that stunned it and its grip on Sullivan relaxed. A rope was thrown over the neck of the cat before it regained consciousness and it was caged, while Sullivan's wounds were cured. His clothes were in tatters, his hands badly scratched, and one of his legs is lacerated from the chewing the cat gave him.

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